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SUBJECT: NORTHERN CYPRUS AIRSPACE ISSUE

REF: (A) ANKARA 2040 (DTG 181645Z MAR 77); (B) ANKARA 2041
(DTG 181710Z MAR 77)

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION, ANSWERING PARA 8, REF A, WAS OBTAINED
BY DATT FROM MICHAEL HERODOTOU, CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, DEPT OF
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CIVIL AVIATION, GOC, ON 19 MARCH 1977.

A. AFTER JULY 1974 WAR GOT PUBLISHED NOTAMS 685, 690
AND 698 WHICH REQUIRED TURKISH AIRCRAFT TO RESPOND TO
INSTRUCTIONS FROM ISTANBUL AND ANKARA FIR'S WHEN OPERATING
IN NICOSIA FIR.

B. IN LATE 1974 GOT ISSUED NOTAM 714 WHICH RESCINDED NOTAMS 685, 690 AND 698 BUT SET UP REPORTING PROCEDURES FOR TURKISH AIRCRAFT OPERATING IN THE NICOSIA FIR WHICH EFFECTIVELY KEEP THEM UNDER ISTANBUL/ANKARA FIR CONTROL. (COMMENT: THIS IS BELIEVED TO BE SAME NOTAM THAT CAUSED GREECE TO CLOSE ATHENS FIR AND REMAINS BONE OF CONTENTION BETWEEN GOT AND GOG. WE ARE SEEKING CLARIFICATION ON WHETHER THIS IS INTENDED TO APPLY TO NON-TURKISH AIRCRAFT OPERATING IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF NICOSIA FIR. END COMMENT)

C. IN RESPONSE TO GOT NOTAM 714, GOC ISSUED NOTAM STATING BASICALLY THAT, EXCEPT FOR AIRWAY BLUE 15, NO RPT NO AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SERVICES WOULD BE PROVIDED IN NORTHERN CYPRUS FIR. (COMMENT: DATT BELIEVES THIS IS NOTAM 21 ISSUED 4 JUNE 1975 AS FURTHER AMPLIFIED IN CLASS II NOTAM 8/76 DATED 4 NOV 1976. A PRIMARY GOC MOTIVE FOR ISSUANCE OF THESE NOTAMS WAS THAT DURING AND SINCE 1974 WAR TURKISH MILITARY AIRCRAFT HAVE OPERATED OVER NORTHERN CYPRUS WITHOUT INTERNATIONAL CONTROL OF ANY SORT. END COMMENT)

2. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, HERODOTOU SAID IATA HELD MEETING IN GENEVA REGIONAL OFFICE ON 15 MAR 77 COVERING TFSC NOTAM. OUTCOME OF MEETING WAS MESSAGE TO MR. NEVZAT ALI, DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, TFSC, REQUESTING WITHDRAWAL OF THE NOTAM. IN SAME MESSAGE ALI WAS INFORMED THAT IF NOTAM NOT RPT NOT WITHDRAWN, ALL COMMERCIAL AIRLINES WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO DISREGARD IT.
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3. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT GOC ACTION TO NOT RPT NOT PROVIDE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SERVICES IN NORTHERN CYPRUS AIRSPACE ARISES AS A DIRECT CONSEQUENCE OF (A) GOT NOTAM 714 AND (B) INTERNATIONALLY UNCOORDINATED TURKISH MILITARY USE OF NORTHERN CYPRUS AIRSPACE. CYPRUS PROBLEM PARALLELS THAT OF THE GOC - GOT DISPUTE OVER ATHENS FIR.
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